Ethisterone, Ethinyl Estradiol and Testoterone;

(a) whether it is also a fact that there is no reference of these drugs in the Kelkar Committee report;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these drugs are being imported and have a significant consumption;

(d) whether it is a fact that the turnover of each drug is around one to three crores and finished medicines are the monopoly of two or three companies; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not considering these drugs for price control by the Kelkar Committee when these drugs fulfil all the criteria?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) The recommendations of the Kelkar Committee with regard to hormones and alike substances are as follows:

"Hormones: The WHO list of Hormones includes Adrenal Hormones, Synthetic substitute, Estrogens, Progestogens, Insulins and other Antidiabetic agents and Thyroids hormones and Antithyroid drugs under this Heading. Of this, it was decided to drop contraceptives and allied items from price control as family welfare is an important National Health Programme and Government makes this available at cheap prices under their various family welfare activities. Considering the recommendation of WHO and the usage pattern, the Committee adopted Hydrocortisone in price controlled Category as Prednisolone and Dexamethasone have already been considered.

Bringing durabulin etc. under price control list

2338. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 892 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kelkar Committee did not consider drugs required for production of Durabolin, Neurabol-H, Orabolin, Decadurabolin;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no reference of these drugs in the Kelkar Committee report;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these products have a turnover in crores and are the monopoly of two drug companies;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the manufacturers of these products are importing the bulk drugs; and

(e) if so, whether there is any proposal to bring these drugs in the purview of price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Neurabol-H contains Vitamin B1, B6 and B12 in combination with Nandrolone Phenylpropionate and is, therefore, price controlled under the DPCO, 1987. Orabolin Durabolin and Decadurabolin are based on the harmones Ethylstrenol, Nandrolone Phenylpropionate and Nandrolone Decanoate respectively and there is no specific reference of these drugs in the Kelkar Committee report.

(c) Sales turnover of formulations is not monitored.

(d) Details of import/procurement of bulk drugs are not monitored company-wise.

(e) No, Sir.

Production of procaine HCL

2339. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 847 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that procain Hcl is the monopoly of a multinational drug company and is one of the 120 top selling products as per ORG; and